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Serial No.: 10/619,870 Examiner: P. Bianco  
Filed: 15 July 2003 Group Art Unit: 3762  
Title: Confined Air Tube and Methods for Handling Air in Closed Blood Processing Systems

**SUBMISSION OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In the first Office Action, the Examiner expressed a double patenting rejection based upon US 6,267,745. In its Remarks in Amendment A, the applicant stated "The applicant will submit an appropriate terminal disclaimer upon indication of allowance of the pending claims." In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner did not expressly re-address the previous double patenting rejection, in terms of either withdrawing it or requiring a terminal disclaimer.

Accordingly, as previously indicated in its Remarks, applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer based upon US 6,267,745 (with appropriate fee) for filing prior to payment of the Base Issue Fee.

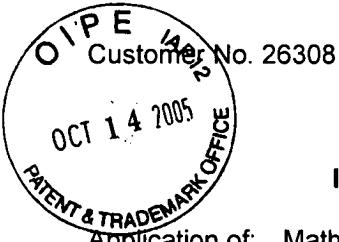
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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBTAIN  
A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION (37 CFR 1.321(c))**

**Identification of Person(s) Making This Disclaimer**

I, Daniel D. Ryan (Registration Number 29,243)

(type or print names of all inventors or assigns or name of attorney signing disclaimer)

(a) represent that I am

 an inventor of this invention. an assignee of this invention.

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a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee identified below.

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the attorney of record for this invention.

**NOTE:** The rules "permit an attorney or agent of record to sign a terminal disclaimer without the need to comply with § 3.73(b)." Notice of Oct. 15, 1993, 1156 O.G. 54-61, at 56.

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**IDENTITY OF ASSIGNEE AND TITLE OF DISCLAIMANT**  
*(if applicable)*

The assignee is

Name of assignee Baxter International, Inc.

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Title of disclaimant authorized to sign on behalf of assignee An Attorney of Record

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**EXTENT OF DISCLAIMER'S INTEREST**

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is in:

the whole of this invention.

a sectional interest in this invention, as follows:

**RECORDAL OF ASSIGNMENT IN PTO**  
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The assignment was recorded on October 13, 1998

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 "ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET" or  
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Attached is a CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this case.

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The terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of:

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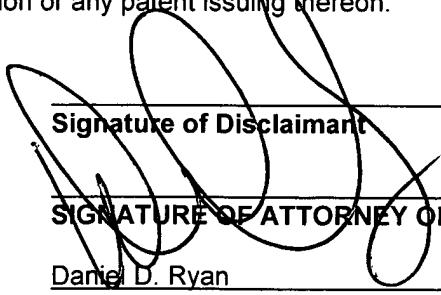
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